

Remarks

No claims are being amended, cancelled or added. In view of the following remarks, Applicants request reconsideration of the present application.

Objections to Disclosure

The Examiner has requested that the Applicants renumber the pages of the specification consecutively. Applicants have amended the specification to add in the new pages that were allegedly missing from the specification as filed. As was discussed previously, the prior application (U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/141,405) of which the present application is a divisional application, was fully incorporated by reference into the present application. Therefore it is respectfully submitted that this amendment is proper.

Double Patenting Rejections

The Examiner has rejected numerous claims of the present application under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over commonly-owned U.S. Patent Nos. 6,153,123 and 6,168,731. Applicants enclose the appropriate Terminal Disclaimer with respect to these patents.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time for responding to the outstanding Examiner's Action and enclose the appropriate fee. Applicants also enclose the Terminal Disclaimer fee. This response is also being filed with a Notice of Appeal. It is not believed that any additional fees are owed with respect to this response, however, any such additional fees can be charged to Deposit Account 50-1419.

Respectfully submitted,

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